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TWO PLEAD GUILTY IN MARRIAGE FRAUD CONSPIRACY

Orlando, Florida - United States Attorney Robert E. O'Neill today announced NATALIA HUMM, a 50 year old resident of Daytona Beach, Florida, pleaded guilty to three felony counts consisting of one count of conspiracy to commit an offense against the United States, one count of immigration-related entrepreneurship fraud, and one count of marriage fraud. The maximum penalty NATALIA HUMM faces for each count is five years' imprisonment, a \$250,000 fine, three years of supervised release, and a special assessment of \$100.

According to her plea agreement, NATALIA HUMM was the leader and organizer of a conspiracy in which aliens entered into fraudulent marriages with United States citizens for the purpose of evading the immigration laws of the United States. To do this, HUMM used a business that she had set up in Daytona Beach called Power of Attorney, Inc. HUMM was paid \$2,000 and more by aliens who wanted to marry United States citizens for the purpose of fraudulently obtaining permanent legal residence in the United States. To find spouses for those aliens, HUMM employed "recruiters" to find United States citizens who were willing to marry aliens in exchange for receiving money. HUMM introduced those United States citizens to their alien "spouses" and married them. In exchange for participating in the fraudulent marriages, the United States citizen "spouses" received an upfront payment of between \$500 and \$1,000 and additional payments of

\$300 a month until their alien “spouses” received a legal permanent resident card (or what is known as a “green card”). HUMM and another co-conspirator also coached the aliens and their “spouses” on what they should do to make the marriage appear real, including sharing personal information about each other, taking photographs together, setting up a joint bank account, changing the address on the driver’s license of the “spouse,” and having the “spouse” leave clothes at the alien’s residence.

As alleged in the indictment in this case, this conspiracy lasted from at least 2004 until September 2006. Over twenty-five aliens entered into fraudulent marriages at Power of Attorney, Inc. during that period of time.

In addition to NATALIA HUMM, one of the recruiters in the conspiracy, DOROTHY MORELAND, pleaded guilty today. MORELAND, a 43 year old resident of Zephyrhills, Florida, pleaded guilty to two felony counts consisting of one count of conspiracy to commit an offense against the United States and one count marriage fraud. The maximum penalty MORELAND faces for each count is five years' imprisonment, a \$250,000 fine, three years of supervised release, and a special assessment of \$100.

These cases are being investigated by United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. These cases are being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Roger B. Handberg.